

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A client-specific network browser interface, comprising:  
5 a user interface;  
a first area within the user interface that includes space in which network information is displayed; and  
a second area within the user interface that includes space in which client-specific  
10 information is displayed substantially continuously to a user, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one vendor that is not a developer of the browser interface program, and at least a portion of the client-specific information being updated with content provided by a remote server during times when the network is being accessed.
- 15 2. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 1, wherein at least some of the content is provided in an HTML-based format.
- 20 3. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 1, wherein the updated portion of the client-specific information comprises at least two distinct spaces that display dynamically linked client-specific information.
- 25 4. A client-specific network browser interface, comprising:  
a user interface;  
a first area within the user interface that includes space in which network information is displayed; and  
a second area within the user interface that includes space in which client-specific  
information is displayed substantially continuously to a user, the client-specific  
information being information dedicated to at least one vendor that is not a  
developer of the browser interface program; and

program command and control information including a link to settings that allow access to network content to be controlled.

5. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 4, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and wherein the content access control settings comprises web site addresses that identify web sites that should not be accessed.

6. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 4, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and wherein the content access control settings comprises words or phrases that identify web site content that should not be accessed.

7. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 4, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and wherein content access control settings comprise data obtained from a database located on a remote server.

8. A client-specific network browser interface, comprising:  
a user interface;  
a first area within the user interface that includes space in which network information is displayed;  
a second area within the user interface that includes space in which client-specific information is displayed substantially continuously to a user, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one vendor that is not a developer of the browser interface; and  
program command and control information including a link to settings that allow network related activity to be observed and logged.

9. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 8, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and wherein a logged data representative of network related activity is stored on a remote server.

10. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 9, wherein at least a portion of the logged data is accessible for review by an authorized person.

11. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 9, wherein at least a portion of the logged data is forwarded from the remote server to an authorized person for review.

12. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 8, wherein the network browser interface comprises a graphical user interface.

13. The client-specific network browser interface of claim 8, wherein the network browser interface comprises a text-based or character-based user interface.

14. A processing system having a client-specific network browser interface, comprising:  
an internal processor;  
a display device coupled to the internal processor;  
an input device coupled to the internal processor, the input device allowing for data or commands to be input to the processing system;  
a communication device coupled to the internal processor and configured to allow the processing system to communicate to a network; and  
a browser interface configured to be displayed through the user display; the browser interface comprising:  
a first area that includes space in which network information is displayed; and  
a second area that includes space in which client-specific information is substantially continuously displayed to a user, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one vendor that is not a developer of the browser interface program, and at least a portion of the client-specific information being updated with content provided by a remote server during times when the network is being accessed.

15. The processing system of claim 14, wherein at least some of the content is provided in an HTML-based format.

5 16. A processing system having a client-specific network browser interface, comprising:  
an internal processor;  
a display device coupled to the internal processor;  
an input device coupled to the internal processor, the input device allowing for data or  
commands to be input to the processing system;  
a communication device coupled to the internal processor and configured to allow the  
10 processing system to communicate to a network; and  
a browser interface configured to be displayed through the user display; the browser  
interface comprising:  
a first area that includes space in which network information is displayed;  
a second area that includes space in which client-specific information is  
15 substantially continuously displayed to a user, the client-specific  
information being information dedicated to at least one vendor that is not a  
developer of the browser interface program; and  
program command and control information including a link to settings that allow  
access to network content to be controlled.

20 17. The processing system of claim 16, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and  
wherein content access control settings comprise data obtained from a database located on a  
remote server.

25 18. A processing system having a client-specific network browser interface, comprising:  
an internal processor;  
a display device coupled to the internal processor;  
an input device coupled to the internal processor, the input device allowing for data or  
commands to be input to the processing system;

a communication device coupled to the internal processor and configured to allow the processing system to communicate to a network; and  
a browser interface configured to be displayed through the user display; the browser interface comprising:

a first area that includes space in which network information is displayed;  
a second area that includes space in which client-specific information is substantially continuously displayed to a user, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one vendor that is not a developer of the browser interface program; and  
program command and control information including a link to settings that allow network related activity to be observed and logged.

19. The processing system of claim 18, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and wherein a logged data representative of network related activity is stored on a remote server.

20. The processing system of claim 19, wherein at least a portion of the logged data is accessible for review by an authorized person.

21. The processing system of claim 19, wherein at least a portion of the logged data is forwarded from the remote server to an authorized person for review.

22. The processing system of claim 18, wherein the network browser interface comprises a graphical user interface.

23. The processing system of claim 18, wherein the network browser interface comprises a text-based or character-based user interface.

24. The processing system of claim 18, wherein the processing system is a personal computer.

25. The processing system of claim 18, wherein the communication device is a dial-up modem.

26. The processing system of claim 18, wherein the communication device provides a  
5 wireless connection.

27. A processing system having a network browser interface, comprising:  
an internal processor;  
a display device coupled to the internal processor;  
10 an input device coupled to the internal processor, the input device allowing for data or  
commands to be input to the processing system;  
a communication device coupled to the internal processor and configured to allow the  
processing system to communicate to a network; and  
a browser interface configured to be displayed through the user display; the browser  
15 interface comprising a first area that includes space in which network information  
is displayed and being configured to provide multi-thread data transfers through  
the network.

28. The processing system of claim 27, wherein the browser interface further comprises a  
20 second area that includes space in which client-specific information is substantially continuously  
displayed to a user, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one  
vendor that is not a developer of the browser interface program.

29. The processing system of claim 27, wherein the browser interface further comprises  
25 program command and control information including a link to settings that determine whether or  
not multi-thread transfers are utilized for data transfer through the network.

30. The processing system of claim 27, wherein the browser interface further comprises  
program command and control information including a link to settings that determine a number  
30 of threads that will be utilized.

31. The processing system of claim 27, wherein the network comprises the Internet and the browser interface is configured to download content associated with links on a web page once the web page is viewed instead of waiting for a new link to be selected by a user.

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32. The processing system of claim 27, wherein the browser interface further comprises program command and control information including a link to access time control settings, the access time control settings allowing a user to select network information to download and to determine when and how often the selected network information is downloaded or updated from the network, the selected network information being downloaded using multi-thread data transfers.

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33. A method for providing network information through a client-specific network interface, comprising:

displaying network information within a first area within a user interface;  
further displaying client-specific information within a second area within the user interface, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one particular vendor that is not a developer of the network interface program; and updating at least a portion of the client-specific information with content provided by a remote server during times when the network is being accessed.

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34. The method of claim 33, wherein at least some of the content is provided in an HTML-based format.

25 35. A method for controlling content accessed through a client-specific network interface, comprising:

displaying network information within a first area within a user interface;  
further displaying client-specific information within a second area within the user interface, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one particular vendor that is not a developer of the network interface program; and

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allowing access to network content to be controlled through content access control settings.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and wherein content access control settings comprise data obtained from a database located on a remote server.

37. A method for controlling content accessed through a client-specific network interface, comprising:

displaying network information within a first area within a user interface;  
further displaying client-specific information within a second area within the user interface, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one particular vendor that is not a developer of the network interface program; and allowing network related activity to be observed and logged through network observation settings.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and further comprising storing a logged data representative of network related activity on a remote server.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein at least a portion of the logged data is accessible for review by an authorized person.

40. The method of claim 38, further comprising forwarding at least a portion of the logged data from the remote server to an authorized person for review.

41. A method for enhancing data transfers for a network user interface, comprising: displaying network information within a first area within a user interface; and transferring data for the network user interface through the network utilizing multi-thread data transfers.



42. The method of claim 41, wherein the browser interface further comprising displaying a second area that includes space in which client-specific information is substantially continuously displayed to a user, the client-specific information being information dedicated to at least one vendor that is not a developer of the browser interface program.

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43. The method of claim 41, furthering providing program command and control information including a link to settings that determine whether or not multi-thread transfers are utilized for data transfer through the network.

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44. The method of claim 41, wherein the network comprises the Internet and the method further comprises downloading content associated with links on a web page once the web page is viewed instead of waiting for a new link to be selected by a user.

45. The method of claim 41, wherein the data transfer comprises video files.

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